

# PACFA Summer Update

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## Them Rules, They Are a Changing

PACFA rule consolidation & amendments completed July 2014  
Dr. Kate N. Anderson

The PACFA staff has been working since October 2012 to review the current regulation to improve wording in the definitions for clarification, to remove redundant language, and to amend the language in some sections to clarify the requirements. The new format will be based on the species of animal rather than on the type of facility. These rule revisions comply with the Governor's executive order for state agencies to periodically review regulations to ensure they are effective, efficient and essential. The rule change process started with advisory committee discussions and included 23 meetings and conference calls with advisory committee members, members of industry representative groups, and the general public.

The first thing you will notice is the rule is much more consolidated and easier to follow. We have gone from 126 pages separated by license category to 39 pages all inclusive with special requirements for unique situations identified in their own section. The new format will allow us to produce a check sheet which should help facility owners follow along during inspection. We will be posting a copy of the check sheet on line. Some significant changes were made to enclosure sizes for dogs and other species, the definitions have been clarified to help understand the license requirements and we have included some basic regulations for swimming pools.

Overall the rule reflects the input of many interested parties and licensees as well as staff. There are changes in the rule which may require capital improvements in facilities and the staff would like any license holder with questions about compliance with the new regulation to please first call their inspector. The office can provide copies of the new rules by email or regular mail and all licensees are encouraged to download a copy from the web site, [www.colorado.gov/ag/animals](http://www.colorado.gov/ag/animals). Please call with any questions, we are happy to assist. The new rule will be effective as of July 30, 2014.

If you wish to be notified of rule change hearings in the future please check the box on your renewal notification.

## We Moved!

On May 19th we left our longtime home in Lakewood and moved to our new location in Broomfield. Our new office is located at **305 Interlocken Parkway in Broomfield** and has allowed for several divisions to come under one roof. One of the benefits to our new office is that we will have ample space to hold future PACFA meetings. Another benefit is the new technology our staff is able to use for meetings and for developing our PACFA database.



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## Fall Symposium

Our Fall Symposium will be held on October 8, 2014 from 9:30am—4pm at

305 Interlocken Parkway in Broomfield. More details will be available as we get closer to this event.

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

# Preparing Your Pets for Emergencies

Article Highlights taken from <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness>

Emergencies come in many forms, and they may require anything from a brief absence from your home to permanent evacuation. Each type of disaster requires different measures to keep your pets safe. The best thing you can do for yourself and your pets is to be prepared.



**Arrange a Safe Haven.** DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND. Remember, if it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets. **Note that not all Red Cross disaster shelters accept pets**, so it is imperative that you have determined where you will bring your pets ahead of time.

**Emergency Supplies and Traveling Kits.** Keep an Evac-Pack and supplies handy for your pets. Make sure that everyone in the family knows where it is. This kit should be clearly labeled and easy to carry. Items to consider keeping in or near your pack include:

- 3-7 days' worth of canned or dry food (be sure to rotate every two months)
- Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)
- Litter or paper toweling
- Extra collar or harness as well as an extra leash
- Photocopies of medical records and a waterproof container with a two-week supply of any medicine your pet requires (Remember, food and medications need to be rotated out of your emergency kit—otherwise they may go bad or become useless.)
- Bottled water, at least 7 days' worth for each person and pet
- A traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet
- Recent photos of your pets (in case you are separated and need to make "Lost" posters)

**Evacuation Preparation.** If you must evacuate your home in a crisis, plan for the worst-case scenario. When recommendations for evacuation have been announced, follow the instructions of local and state officials. To minimize evacuation time, take these simple steps:

- Store an emergency kit and leashes as close to an exit as possible.
- Make sure all pets wear collars and tags with up-to-date identification. Be sure to write your pet's name, your name and contact information on your pet's carrier. The ASPCA recommends microchipping your pet as a more permanent form of identification.
- Always bring pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a storm or disaster. Pets can become disoriented and wander away from home during a crisis.
- Consider your evacuation route and call ahead to make arrangements for boarding your pet outside of the danger zone at the first sign of disaster.

**Geographic and Climatic Considerations.** Do you live in an area that is prone to certain natural catastrophes, such as tornadoes, earthquakes or floods? If so, you should plan accordingly. If emergency officials recommend that you stay in your home, it's crucial that you keep your pets with you. Keep your Evac-Pack and supplies close at hand. Your pets may become stressed during the in-house confinement, so you may consider crating them for safety and comfort.

- Determine well in advance which rooms offer safe havens. These rooms should be clear of hazards such as windows, flying debris, etc.
- Access to a supply of fresh water is particularly important. In areas that may lose electricity, fill up bathtubs and sinks ahead of time to ensure that you have access to water during a power outage or other crises.
- In the event of flooding, go to the highest location in your home, or a room that has access to counters or high shelves where your animals can take shelter.

**Special Considerations for Birds.** Birds should be transported in a secure travel cage or carrier. In cold weather, make certain you have a blanket over your pet's cage. In warm weather, carry a spray bottle to periodically moisten your bird's feathers. Have recent photos available, and keep your bird's leg bands on for identification. If the carrier does not have a perch, line it with paper towels that you can change frequently. Keep the carrier in as quiet an area as possible.

**Special Considerations for Reptiles.** A snake may be transported in a pillowcase, but you should have permanent and secure housing for him when you reach a safe place. Take a sturdy bowl that is large enough for your pet to soak in. It's also a good idea to bring along a heating pad or other warming device, such as a hot water bottle.

**Special Considerations for Small Animals.** Small animals, such as hamsters, gerbils, mice and guinea pigs, should be transported in secure carriers with bedding materials, food and food bowls. Items to keep on hand: Salt lick, extra water bottle, small hide-box or tube, a week's worth of bedding.



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## Easy Turkey Jerky



## Ingredients:

- ◇ 1-2 lbs raw turkey breast, thinly and evenly sliced.
- ◇ Salt

## Directions:

- ◇ Preheat the oven to 200 degrees.
- ◇ Sprinkle the Turkey slice lightly with salt. Place the turkey strips on a baking sheet covered with aluminum foil.
- ◇ Cook for 2-5 hours until the jerky is dry and breaks gently when bent.
- ◇ Freeze any portions that will not be eaten within a week.

## Random Reminders

- 🐾 Your license should be displayed in a conspicuous place. If you did not receive your license please call the office at 303-869-9146.
- 🐾 Once we have received a new application for a facility it may take us up to 90 days before the process is complete and a license can be mailed.
- 🐾 New PACFA Signs will be mailed in the next few weeks. Please dispose of the old PACFA sign once you have received the new one.



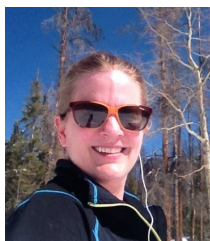
## New Faces in PACFA



Meet our newest inspector, Jamee Amundson. Jamee grew up in Wisconsin. She earned a Bachelors degree in Animal Science from Iowa State University and a Masters degree in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska. After many

years working with livestock producers in Nebraska and Colorado, she is excited to take a journey into companion animals for the PACFA Program.

Our new Administrative Assistant, Adrienne Bannister, a long time resident of Colorado who is originally from Florida. Adrienne will be in our office Monday thru Friday to assist you with applications, payments, and any general questions you may have.



To reach her please call 303-869-9146.

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## Rule of the Month



### 7.0 NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE CONCERNING LICENSURE INFORMATION

A licensee shall promptly notify the Commissioner by mail of any change in the name, address, substantial control or ownership in the operation of the licensed business, or of additional sites, within fifteen (15) days of the change.

## Dates to Remember

July 30, 2014  
New Rules go into affect

October 1, 2014  
Time to renew your Bird Bands

October 31, 2014  
Bird Bands expire for the 2014 year.

October 8, 2014  
PACFA Symposium.  
More information to be announced in August.

November 27, 2014  
Thanksgiving . Our Office will be closed.